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SUBJECT : Electronics Complex Under Construction NO : PIC/JB-77/60
LOCATION: S of Sary Shagan DATE : 22 April 1960
WAC : 245 COORD: 45°48'N 73°35'E 25X1



REMARKS:

This brief, resulting from a preliminary photographic analysis, identifies an electronics complex under construction at 45°48'N/73°35'E, about 5 nautical miles south of an instrumentation and communications installation (see PIC/JB-74/60). The complex is situated on the west shore of Lake Balkhash and is connected by road with the instrumentation installation and the Sary Shagan Support Base. The complex contains a large support area, a fenced electronics area, and a possible bunker under construction. A tall self-supporting lattice tower is also a part of the complex.

The support area contains at least 20 barracks and other supporting buildings, a steam plant, a water standpipe, several open storage areas, a motor pool, and a construction area. Ditching and other ground scar-ring interconnect most of the facilities.

A ditch leads from the standpipe in the support area to the fenced electronics area which is under construction. This area contains a large T-shaped building, at least three smaller buildings, a cooling pond, and several other facilities under construction. All these facilities are interconnected by ditching. In addition, the area contains an operating mobile radar which has six supporting vehicles. A ditch leads from this area to a large possible concrete bunker which is under construction several hundred feet to the north.

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The self-supporting lattice tower is located several hundred feet south of the electronics area and is connected by a ground scar to that area.

NOTE: Because of the poor quality of base maps of this area and the scattered cloud cover on the photography, it is emphasized that the geographic positioning of this complex is only approximate at this time.

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